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SUBJ: REPORT OF EAST PROCEDURES AT SECTOR/SECTOR BOUNDARY WITHIN  
BERLIN AND OTHER POSSIBLE STRAWS

THE FOLLOWING REPORT MAY INDICATE A TIGHTENING OF EAST GERMAN  
PROCEDURES AT THE SECTOR-SECTOR BOUNDARY IN BERLIN. ON  
DECEMBER 2, 1977, A WEST BERLINER MADE AN AFTERNOON SHOPPING  
TRIP TO EAST BERLIN USING HIS FRG PASSPORT. ON HIS RETURN  
TO WEST BERLIN HIS PURCHASE RECEIPTS WERE EXAMINED AND  
RETURNED, AND HE WAS ALLOWED TO KEEP HIS SLIPS FOR THE VISA  
AND THE ROAD TAX (STRASSENGBUEHR), AS IS NORMALLY THE CASE.  
ON DECEMBER 16, 1977, THE SAME INDIVIDUAL MADE A SIMILAR  
AFTERNOON SHOPPING TRIP TO EAST BERLIN. ON THIS OCCASION,  
DURING HIS RETURN THE PURCHASE RECEIPTS WERE EXAMINED AND  
RETURNED. HIS VISA AND ROAD TAX SLIPS, HOWEVER, WERE REQUESTED  
AND RETAINED BY BORDER OFFICIALS WHO GAVE NO REASON FOR THEIR  
ACTIONS. THEY ALSO MADE A POINT OF ASCERTAINING THE  
INDIVIDUAL'S PROFESSION AND PRESENT OCCUPATION.

2. OUR U.S. FLAG TOURS WHICH HAVE THE LATE-NIGHT SHIFT  
IN EAST BERLIN DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS WERE FOLLOWED FOR AN  
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UNUSUALLY LONG TIME BY OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN VEHICLES. ALSO  
UNUSUAL IN ONE OF THE TWO INSTANCES WAS THE FACT THAT  
FOLLOWING VEHICLE BELONGED TO EAST GERMAN ARMY RATHER THAN  
PEOPLES' POLICE, WHICH ORGANIZATION NORMALLY CONDUCTS  
TAILINGS.

3. ONE TRAVELER NOTED RECENTLY A NEW AND DIFFERENT UNIFORM

BEING WORN AT CHECKPOINT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE (OPPOSITE  
CHECKPOINT CHARLIE). IT WAS A BLUE PADDED UNIFORM, AND THE  
WEARER WAS APPARENTLY A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLES' POLICE.  
GEORGE

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